

# Outdoor Report

The week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



*South Dakota*



## Wildlife Division

**"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"**

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- The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, statewide. Snow Geese are moving through the area now.
  - Season is closed for walleye, pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass on all MN/SD border waters until April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Archery Spring Turkey opened April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - Spring Turkey (Prairie, Black Hills & CSP) opens April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - Resident & Nonresident Special Buck application deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - All temporary and permanent flowing creeks, streams and rivers are closed to fishing through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
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## Brown County



### Fishing Report:

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching some northern pike. The walleye bite has been slow. The boat ramps are now in the lake.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers have been catching some northern pike. The boat ramps are now in the lake.

**James River:** Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14-16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge and Weismantel Grade.

**Elm River:** Fishing has been slow. Not much water flow in the river at this time.



### Hunting Report:

**Light Geese:** There are still some snow geese throughout Brown County. Good numbers of snow geese migrated north last week with the nice weather.

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## Clark County



### Fishing Report:

**Dry Lake #2:** Fishermen are catching a few Walleye and Northern Pike.

**Dry Lake #1:** Fishermen are catching an occasional Walleye.

**Antelope Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike.

**Casey's Slough:** Fishermen are catching a few Walleye. Most of the Walleye are less than 14 inches, but a few larger fish are being caught.

**Swan Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike and an occasional Walleye.

**Baileys Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few Walleye.

**Reid Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few Walleye, with the occasional 20+ inch fish.

**Indian Springs:** Fishermen are catching a few Walleye and Northern Pike.



### Hunting Report:

**Waterfowl:** The light goose season is currently open. Most geese have pushed through, but there are still a few small flocks around. Not much for hunting opportunities.

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## Codington County



### Fishing Report:

**Pelican Lake:** Anglers were reporting a slow pike bite along with a few perch being reported.

**Lake Kampeska:** Fishing has picked up on the north end of the lake by City Park. A few small walleyes have been reported along the north shore line towards the evening hours.

**Dry Lake:** Anglers are reporting a walleye bite towards the evening hours, but overall, it's a slower bite.

**Goose Lake:** Anglers have reported walleye being caught along the Grover road towards the evening.

**Long Lake:** No angling reports.

**Grass Lake:** No angler reports.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Pond:** Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

**Stink:** No angler reports.

**Blythe Slough:** No angler reports.



### **Hunting Report:**

**Snow Geese:** While there are a few small flocks, the majority of snow geese have moved out of the area.

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## **Day County**



### **Fishing Report:**

**Bitter:** Anglers are having some success shore fishing on the northwest portion of Bitter Lake. Anglers are catching some nice walleye and northern pike.

**Waubay:** Anglers are having the most success catching walleye and northern pike from shore on the Grenville Grade.

**Reetz:** Little fishing activity.

**Lynn:** Little fishing activity.

**Enemy Swim:** Little fishing activity.



### **Hunting Report:**

**Goose:** Most of the snow geese have pushed through the area. Small Pockets can still be found throughout the county.

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## Deuel County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Alice:** Anglers are catching some northern pike and a few walleye from shore. The bite has mainly been in the evening hours.

**Lake Cochrane:** No fishing activity.

**Lake Oliver:** A few walleye and northern pike are being caught.

**Lake Ketchum:** No fishing activity.

**Clear Lake:** A few northern pike are being caught. Fishing pressure has been low.

**Fish Lake:** No fishing activity.

**School:** Anglers are catching northern pike.

**Round:** No fishing activity.

**Bullhead:** No fishing activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Spring Light Goose:** Most of the birds have left the county.

**Spring Turkey:** A good number of turkeys in the northern portion of the county, primarily the northwest. It appears that a lot of the turkeys are no longer in big groups and are spread out.

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## Faulk County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Faulkton:** No activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** The majority of snow geese have pushed through the area. Last week was the last good hunt we may have for snow geese. There might be a few small pockets of juvenile birds migrating through, but the bulk of the birds have pushed north.

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## Grant County



### Fishing Report:

**Big Stone Lake:** There has been very little fishing activity.

**Summit Lake:** There have been a few anglers fishing, but not having a ton of success. A walleye or two can be caught in the early morning and late evening hours.

**Hunters Quarry:** No report of activity.

**Spring Turkey:** There are some birds grouped up, but a lot of birds have spread out.

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## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Poinsett:** Slow activity at Poinsett this last week. A few perch and walleye have been reported, as well as a few pike. **Reminder: There is a 15" minimum length on walleye**

**Fedt Slough:** Slower bite on small perch.

**Three Buck:** Anglers reporting a slow perch bite. The perch reported were still small in size. A few walleye have been caught as well.

**Clear Lake (Thomas):** Anglers reporting some walleye being caught towards the evening hours, but overall a slow bite.

**Lake Norden:** No fishing activity

**Lake Albert: Lake Mary/John:** No fishing activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Still some small flocks in the area, but the majority of snow geese have moved on.

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## Marshall County



### Fishing Report:

**Opitz:** A few anglers are catching walleye just south of the boat ramp.

**Cattail:** A few walleye have been caught just north of Fort Sisseton.

**White:** No activity.

**Stink Lake:** No activity.

**Roy:** A few walleye have been caught by shore anglers, but overall, slow.

**Clear:** A few northern are being caught, but the catch is slow.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Snow geese have left the county.

**Turkey:** The archery hunters had decent success over the weekend. The shotgun season opens this weekend. Be safe and be sure to obtain permission before entering private land.

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## McPherson & Edmunds Counties



### Fishing Report:

**No activity.**



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** The majority of snow geese have left this area. A few small flocks of birds can be seen around the Roscoe and Scatterwood areas. Hunters were still harvesting a few geese this weekend.

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## Roberts County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Traverse:** No activity due to border water closure. Ice is completely off the lake.

**Dry Wood Lake:** Anglers are finding a few walleye and northern pike off the grades; however, the bite is inconsistent. **Ice is about 50 percent off the lake. Be sure to pick up a tribal license if you access the lake or fish from the tribal land.**



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** No snow geese left in the county.

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## Spink County



### Fishing Report:

**Twin Lake:** The walleye bite has started to pick up. Anglers are catching a few nice fish from the north shoreline throughout the day. Most fish are in the 15 inch size range.

**Mud Lake:** No fishing activity.

**Cottonwood Lake:** Shore fishermen and boat fishermen are catching good numbers of walleye towards sunset. Limits of 15 inch+ fish can be kept if you sort through the small ones.

**Redfield Lake:** No activity.



### Hunting Report:

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